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2. The full length of the eastern side of the island, [redacted]
[redacted] was observed carefully and at length, under conditions of
complete calm on a clear day with strong binoculars. No sign was seen
of any caverns or grottoes or bunkers which might be used to shelter naval

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units. No signs were observed which would indicate that any work had been begun on the construction of any such shelters or any kind of naval base, nor was there any sign of a logistic base to support naval units.

- 25X1 3. The small port of San Nicolo is without facilities of any kind. In some places defense works are still in the state of ruin left by the war. The few constructions and emplacements immediately above the port have not been reactivated. Occasionally a tug, armed with a machine gun in the stern for coastal patrols, enters the port of San Nicolo. Otherwise activity in the port seems to be very slight; [redacted] the Albanian authorities did not even have the means of towing a barge from the port to Vlone.

4. From the small pier at San Nicolo a road, which divides at the center of the island, leads to the northern and southern portions of the island.

- 25X1 5. The island is believed to be garrisoned by about 400 Albanian soldiers under a Soviet major, who is assisted by three or four subordinate Russian officers. On the morning of 6 December about 100 soldiers were observed marching in formation from the western side of the island near point 208 and entering the barracks situated on the eastern slope of this point.

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[redacted] no sounds of blasting or other work had been heard to indicate work in progress. No movements were observed on the island which might suggest groups of workers going to or from work.

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